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THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK.

There is no project now before the people of North Carolina which means more for the reputation and prosperity of the state than the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. It depends upon North Carolina whether or not she will participate in establishing this great national forest tract as a national park, or whether it is to remain in the hands of lumber men who are fast denuding the greatest and most beautiful mountain region east of the Rockies.

Together with Tennessee, our state has a chance to buy about 450,000 acres of the wildest forest land in the country, a domain of great beauty, including eleven of the highest peaks east of Colorado, seven of which are over six thousand feet high. The great mass of the Appalachian range is full of wild beauty, with dense tracts of virgin trees, towering rocky palisades, down which dash waterfalls into deep gorges, the like of which are to be found nowhere else in the East.

There is no national park east of Colorado, except one of a few thousand acres on Mount Desert Island off the Maine coast, the gift of a benevolent man. All the other parks of the nation were made by the government from its own land. Our park will have to be bought from the private owners. In the territory east of the Mississippi live 80 per cent of the nation's population. Our peak will be midway between New York and New Orleans, Cincinnati and Charleston, Detroit and Atlanta. Instead of going 2,000 miles to the Western parks, the people of the East can in thirty hours reach the Great Smoky Mountain Park.

North Carolina is asked to subscribe \$600,000 towards its purchase, the money pledges to run three years. Asheville and Buncombe county have pledged \$200,000, a third of the sum. Henderson county has pledged \$25,000, other counties in the west have come in with commensurate sums. Polk county's quota is placed at \$1,000.

Think what it will mean for us to be across one of the main highways leading to this magnificent playground which the government will take over from us. Roads, rest-houses and all other improvements which go with a national park will be installed; the park will be policed, game laws will be preserved, and a wonderfully beautiful playground for all will be developed practically at our own door.

It is estimated that nearly 100,000,000 visitors will pour into the park from every direction each year. Looking at it from merely a material side, this stream of travelers will leave behind an almost uncountable fortune on their way. Property values will increase wherever they pass.

But aside from the money gain, the park will be a source of pride to the State. North Carolina will present to the whole East a playground which may be reached in less than half of the time needed to visit the great parks of the Far West.

This opportunity will not knock twice at our door. If the property is not soon acquired, there will be nothing left of the grandeur of the Smokies, but naked peaks bereft of their present great trees, drouth will follow in the loggers' wake, and the water power, now potential farther down the rivers, will not then exist.

North Carolina cannot afford to neglect this wonderful opportunity, and Polk County, which went over the top in so many good causes, must not prove wanting.

LET'S BUILD TRYON FROM WITHIN.

Coleman D. Brown, head of the organization service department of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is authority for a statement to the effect that those cities and towns grow more solidly and permanently whose growth is from within, not from without.

There is something wrong with the man or woman who could not write an editorial on this. Current in the march of progress is the constant cry for outside capital, outside industries and outside populations, which has not only grown to absurd and vain proportions and called for the most extravagant claims, but often has been the cause of internal industrial decay and local business neglect. Worthy as may be the enhancement of population and the "bringing in" of industries, there is undoubtedly a first duty to home institutions and to the business men already within our midst.

It is, well, in this connection, to remember these salient facts: Every local industry, however small, is the nucleus of a manufacture of national and world importance. Every store and business house, however short of stocks or capital, is potentially a successful factor in larger trade and commerce and has within it the seeds of greater prosperity. The history of business is too well known to deny the existence of examples of eminently successful merchants who were given the opportunity to return honest goods and excellent service for a loyal patronage on the part of the home people.

It should be the aim of the people of this and of all communities to look upon one another as partners in the scheme of success rather than as competitors in the struggle of failure. It should be the ambition of all of us to support home institutions with the idea in mind that one or all of them may prosper in such notable proportions as will bring credit to the entire community.

The old "huskin" bees our fathers and grandfathers tell us about are splendid lessons in the noble art of "pitching in" and helping the other fellow, so that the other fellow will pitch in and help us. The world is learning that the structure of character and the finer processes of education are not imposed or crammed in from without, but are developments from within that emanate from the heart and from conscience and innate intelligence. The lessons taught are but guideposts to real character and educational progress. None the less is sound community growth de-

THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

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By A. B. CHAPIN



pendent first upon taking care of the people and concerns who already have cast their lot in this community. Someone at some time offered them an inducement to locate here, and posterity owes something to them in backing up the claim that they would make the choice worth while. We can do no less than pay the debt and thus cancel the mortgage of inflated development.

COULD NOT THE POSTOFFICE BE THE NATIONAL MILK MAN?

The important thing in America is the baby of today, destined to be the President, the Postmaster, the millionaire, mechanic and farmer of the coming generation.

The important thing for the baby and therefore for America's future is MILK.

Postmaster New knows that the farmer gets at most four or five cents a quart for his milk. And the mother who needs milk for her children pays from fifteen to twenty cents.

In other words, the farmer, if he does well, after raising the calf, weaning it, teaching it to drink out of the pail, getting up before dawn three hundred and sixty-five times a year, cleaning out the stable, raising the feed and doing all the rest of it, gets three to five cents a quart for producing the milk. And somebody, usually an "intelligent combine," gets from twelve to twenty cents per quart for delivering the milk.

Mr. Postmaster, why can't you be the milkman and deliver the milk? You deliver eggs now, and handle millions of them with minimum breakage, as poultrymen will testify.

Fresh eggs in cities are worth 60 cents to a dollar a dozen, depending on the season. Parcel post delivers them for a few cents per dozen. If it costs as much to distribute eggs as it does to distribute milk, and if the farmer got present prices for fresh eggs as in Winter time, the city consumer would have to pay at least \$3.00 a dozen.

The distributor of milk adds from one hundred to three hundred per cent to the cost of the milk for his trouble in handing it to the consumer. Milk, of course, involves more expensive handling than eggs, but there should be reason in all things, even in milk combines.

If it is possible to distribute eggs without breaking them, is it not possible to distribute milk without spilling it, or letting it spoil?

The parcel post is well managed and powerful. Glass bottles could be replaced with paper containers, sealed with paraffin, bottles thrown away after use. There is gigantic waste now in glass bottles—the consumer pays that.

The Postoffice of the United States could take the milk from the farmers, carry it on rapid trains to the cities, and distribute it through its great distributing agency that visits every house every day. The milk for which the farmer gets four cents could be delivered to the mothers of children for seven cents, and one of the most costly combines would be abolished by simple government efficiency.

ETIQUETTE

By FLO.

Readers desiring personal points of Etiquette or heart affairs may write Flo, care of this newspaper, enclosing a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Dear Miss Flo: Should a wedding present be sent before the wedding, or after the wedding, if the donor receives no invitation to the wedding? V. C.

A wedding gift should be sent before the wedding. If not, a letter explaining the delay should be sent.

Dear Miss Flo: When traveling on a Pullman car is it considered proper for a lady to go into the dressing room attired in a negligee, or kimona? Thank you. S. W.

It is quite all right for a lady to go into the dressing room of a Pullman car, in the morning, and in the evening, in a negligee.

Dear Miss Flo: Is it considered good form for a gentleman to make calls with his fiancée? Is it necessary for him to do so? B. G.

It is not necessary—nor is it correct for a gentleman to make calls with his fiancée. Except, of course, when they return visits paid her by members or friends of his family.

Dear Miss Flo: When a bachelor wishes to entertain a few of his friends—both ladies and gentlemen—is it necessary for him to arrange to have a chaperon? B. B.

Yes. When an unmarried man entertains, he should ask a married woman of his acquaintance to act as chaperon. She should be the first person invited.

Dear Miss Flo: In a crowded train, with no seats available, is it proper for a woman who is ill to request a gentleman to give her his seat? C. S.

A woman who is really quite ill should not hesitate to ask a gentleman to give up his seat.

Richard Lloyd Jones tells ABOUT TOWN BUILDING

WHEN Chicago burned, its bankers and builders were in despair, until its leading real estate operator, who at the time was in California, was reached by wire with the question, "What shall we do?" The one word answer came back, "BUILD." It was that faith in the future that remade the inter-oceanic metropolis.

Every city is as great as the faith of its staunchest citizens. No greater. The real asset of a city is not its past but its future.

Complacency is as deadly to a community as to an individual. The town that waits to be discovered has hardly a gambler's chance of growth. The town that has discovered itself has opened future's door to greatness. The city that would find for itself a future must utilize the NEW and not the old. Each age demands improvement on the past.

The merchant who so respects ancient methods that he ignores the newest ideas in merchandising, must lose his lead to the merchant who is eager to employ the last in salesman efficiency.

The town that holds fast to obsolete ideas and ideals surrenders supremacy. The community that expects to fall by accident into industrial greatness through no effort of its own, has a child-like faith in modern miracles, and has as little chance of its hope's fulfillment as has the youth who, by wishing, would see the river change to honey.

The wish is worthless without the will. Imagination precedes the architect's pencil in its course, but the mason must follow that trading ere the castle in air is anchored to earth.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



"Colitis."

Most every one knows the location and general outline of the great sewer of the body. Colitis is defined, as "any disturbance of the secretion or innervation in the colon." It is not necessarily inflammatory. Displacement or sagging of the colon may be a partial cause, and overloading contributes to the ugly process. Protracted errors of diet are probably the most real source, and these errors if known may be avoided. I have seen chronic colitis intensified by surgical operations in the abdomen, leaving the patient wondering why she didn't get entirely well—the operator apparently overlooking the complication. And, too much, even of the right kind of nourishment, will keep colitis active.

Diet is all that may be suggested here. Swallow no fibers, skins, or seeds. Fibers may be animal or vegetable; tough meats, fried steaks, celery, radish or hard, raw fruits—abandon them. Skins of grapes, baked apples, prunes, cherries, tomatoes—all harmful. Seeds of blackberries, raspberries and pies made of those berries—avoid them. It is well also to exclude dressings such as are served with baked fowl, and sharp, peppery condiments. Do not use irritating cathartics, unless you would keep the smouldering fire burning. Use boiled or stewed meats and vegetables; stewed fruits are better than raw fruits, though citrus fruit-juices are advisable for the nerves. Soft cereal with cream, butter and toast are excellent. Eggs, too. Brown bread and not white bread, should be eaten. If you are over-stout, cut your dietary in half until you reduce. Butter-milk is most valuable—sweet milk is objectionable, unless ordered by your physician. The treatment of colitis may involve many months. Next Week "Golden Health Rules."

'Judge's Josh'

PRESENT DAY POLITICIANS HAVE THREE CHOICES—OUR SIDE—THE OTHER SIDE—AND THE FENCE.



A real estate agent has had great luck making people sell by telling them a family of saxophone players had bought next door.

Stranger—This certainly is a dead party.

"Yes, I wish it would liven up a little."
"Come on, let's go home."
"I can't. I'm the host."

Time Worketh Changes.
Customer—This butter isn't nearly as fresh as what you sent me last week.

Grocer—That's strange—it's from the same tub.

Wright Gaines says that he fell out of a ten-story building one time, but it didn't hurt him because he was on the first floor when he fell.

Two rough workmen were repairing the live wire lines in front of the preacher's house, when something happened causing a few heated remarks in loud tones. The reverend gentleman wrote the company employing the men complaining of the language they used. Called up on the carpet by the manager to explain, Bill said: "Me and Pete Spook wuz on this job. I wuz up the pole and Pete wuz on the ground. There wuz two wires, one wuz dead and the other wuz live—carrying 3,000 volts. Pete he picks up the live one by mistake. Then he said, 'Say, Bill, please climb up and shut off the current.'"

Wife—Why are you taking three umbrellas along?

Professor—I'll forget one in the restaurant, one I'll leave on the train, and the other I'll use if it rains."

Dick Watson says he's in great luck—a distant relative died and left him a ton of hard coal.

Immune.

It was a wet, slushy day, and little Johnny wanted to go out and play. "No, you can't go. It's too wet. You'll get your feet soaked and catch cold."
"Aw, please, mamma. That won't hurt. I've got one already."

Barred Out



The School Board of Cherokee Co., passed a measure to bar married women from school. Mrs. Laura Larr is determined to finish her education. So the fight is on. The Board probably will be a liberal for the Board teaching about women.

This



By Arthur L. Burbank

EATING HARD COAL HEAVIEST BABY LAMBPOODLES. 2 AND 4 LBS. BURBANK AN INFIDEL.

Failure of another effort at the coal strike brings coal nearer to control by the Government under ground is owned by individuals only through public necessity (air, water, railroads), must naturally be under public control.

Mine owners are said to be leaders to be forcing a practical out. The unions brought themselves in the beginning of ant refusal of arbitration.

Unions and owners are working as they have done in England. Government control of mines come in England before long. come here eventually. They will not forever consent to a while "capital and labor" fight the terms on which the people have heat.

The heaviest new born record arrives on the farm of Magee in Michigan, weighing 20 pounds.

The new born cub of a bear weighs only a few ounces; the mother is usually sound in late winter, when her baby

Why should nature inflict such a fate human mothers infrequently twelve pounds and more? A doctor believes that the mother would make the much lighter and stronger and birth much easier.

The fattest, heaviest baby necessarily the best.

Profits on the Pennsylvania road for one year reached \$200 million for all time, more than \$1 billion.

This, and increasing railroad rates everywhere, should pain the hearing and better pay for road workers.

To raise the pay of millions would cost hundreds of millions year. But that is the scale now geared up to, nationally, and hundreds of millions would be pushed back into general prosperity, the roads getting their share.

Hundreds are gradually losing ancient "rights." The marriage license no longer makes woman obey. English law no longer sticks a man to beat his wife with a stick no bigger around than a thumb." A Russian husband beats his wife gently on the flag day to prove that he is a man. And how a wife gets her divorce cash alimony simply because the band, during the past eight years, has had a way of calling her morning by throwing cold water over her as she lay in bed at occasional, not frequent bustings to the effect of the cold water.

An expert says poodles and lap dogs "go mad" often than take more exercise. Another expert, friendly to poodles, says isn't so. One thing is certain. MAN poodles, petted and pampered by inherited money, go mad, or their balance much more quickly those that work for a living. the divorce and "high class" news in your daily newspapers.

Luther Burbank in a San Francisco pulpit gives more information concerning his views on a Sunday. He says he is an infidel, believes in God. Of course he doesn't know that he is an infidel, can't tell whether he believes or not. "Belief" is a word used only to describe a mental habit.